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SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF NORWEGIAN FOREIGN MINISTER FRYDENLUND

TO PRC

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1. NORWEGIAN MFA MADE PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT FREB 21 OF FOREIGN
MINISTER FRYDENLUND'S MARCH 20-27, 1978 VISIT TO THE PRC. HE
WILL TRAVEL TO HONG KONG MARCH 18, TO CANTON MARCH 20 AND TO
PEKING MARCH 21. THE PRIP, WHICH IS THE SECOND BY A NORWEGIAN
FOREIGN MINISTER (FRYDENLUND'S PREDECESSOR DAGFINN VAARVIK
TRAVELED TO CHINA IN 1973) WAS OCCASIONED BY AN INVITATION
EXTENDED LAST YEAR BY THE PRC FOREIGN MINISTER.

2. THE AGENDA HAS NOT BEEN FINALIZED YET BUT ACCORDING TO THE
MFA, THE CHINESE HAVE INDICATED AN INTEREST IN DISCUSSING
SEVERAL COMMERCIAL/ECONOMIC TOPICS SUCH AS OIL EXPLORATION
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TECHNOLOGY AND SHIP CONSTRUCTION AT VERY FAVORABLE TERMS.
FOR THEIR PART, THE NORWEGIANS WOULD LIKE TO OBTAIN THE PRC'S
INTERPRETATION OF EVENTS, PARTICULARLY IN INDOCHINA.

3. THE FOREIGN MINISTER'S OFFICE HAS REQUESTED ANY INFORMATION
WE MIGHT HAVE OF PEOPLE FRYDENLUND COULD EXPECT TO MEET AND
ANY BACKGROUND STUDIES ON THE POLITICAL SITUATION AND DYNAMICS

IN THE PRC.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: WE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING ANY
BIO MATERIAL OR INR STUDIES THE DEPARTMENT FEELS WE COULD
USEFULLY PASS TO FRYDENLUND.

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